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Kenosha-based National Guard field artillery battalion alerted for possible active duty call

The Wisconsin National Guard received an alert order for a Wisconsin Army National Guard field artillery battalion April 9 and began notifying the unit's soldiers Sunday afternoon, April 11. The unit is 1st Battalion, 126th Field Artillery. The battalion has about 500 soldiers. It is headquartered in Kenosha with batteries in Whitewater, Oak Creek, Racine and Burlington.

Individual units alerted with the battalion are:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery Kenosha
- Battery A Whitewater
- Battery B Oak Creek
- Battery C Racine
- Service Battery Burlington

An alert order means the unit should prepare for a possible mobilization order, however the unit has not been ordered to active duty. This battalion was also on alert for about seven weeks late last year, but was released from alert status on Dec. 19, 2003.

One other Wisconsin Army National Guard battalion remains on alert. About 670 soldiers from the Eau Claire-based 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry were alerted for possible mobilization at the end of February. The infantry battalion has not yet received an actual mobilization order.

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